

THE *Amazing History* OF HOMES



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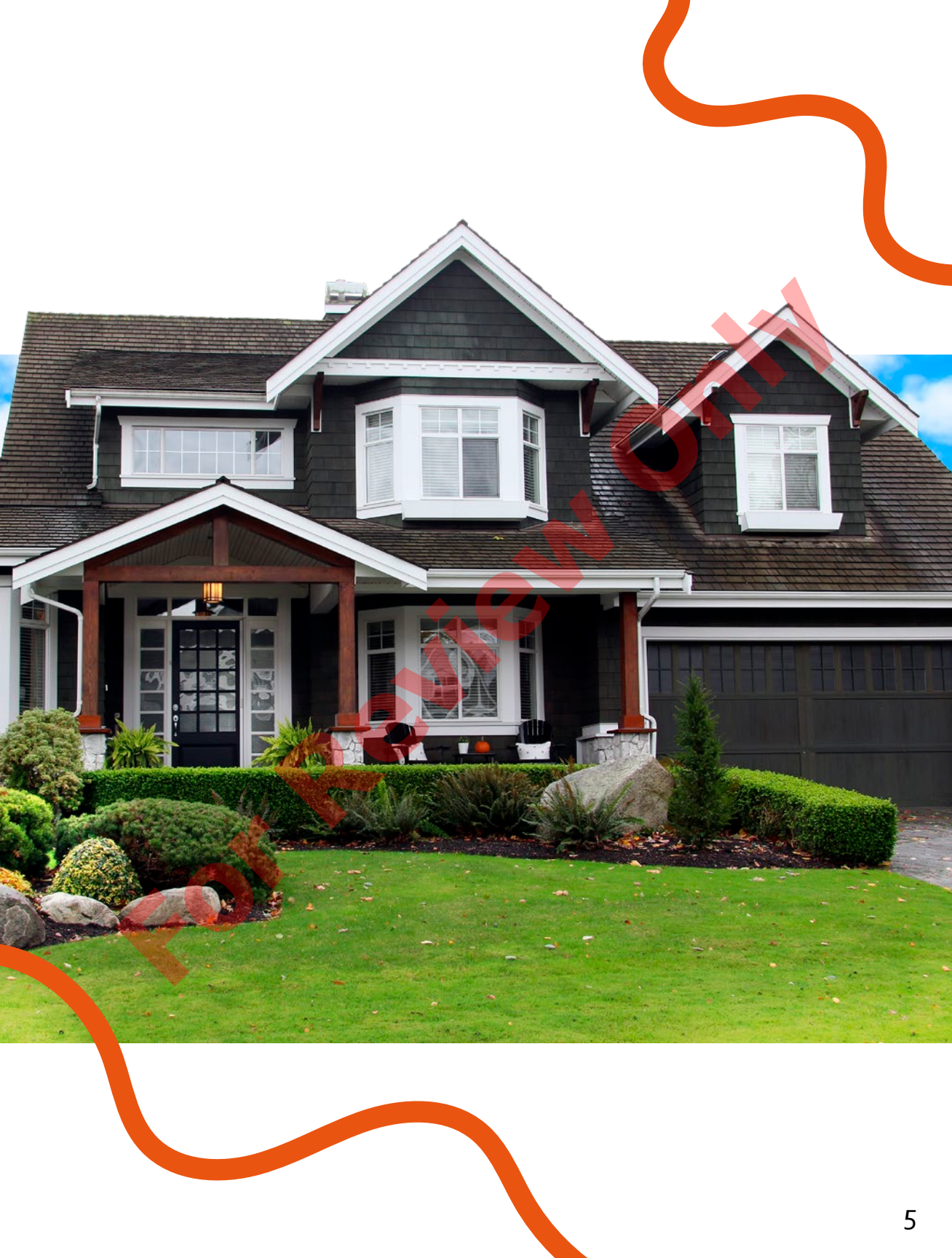
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HISTORY OF HOMES

Whether you live in a house or a castle, an apartment or condo, all homes have something in common. They share the same amazing and sometimes gross history.



WELCOME TO THE STONE AGE

The first homes were simple. Early humans needed to stay safe from wild animals and bad weather. They slept in caves, rock shelters, or even tall trees.

A photograph of a primitive shelter constructed from animal skins and bones, set in a forest with autumn foliage. The shelter is a simple, conical structure made of brown animal skins, with large animal antlers and bones used as a frame. It is situated on a dirt path surrounded by trees with yellow and orange leaves. A pile of animal bones is visible on the ground in front of the shelter.

Ancient shelters were built using animal skins and bones.

Ancient people also built round huts or teepees. They used stones and **mammoth** bones to make walls. Some used animal **hides** to help block the wind.

DID YOU KNOW?

Historians believe early humans went to the bathroom outside, usually in a hole. Ick!

TOILETS AND TOOLS

Early homes didn't have much furniture.
But there was one important seat—the toilet!

In ancient Greece, some homes had flushing
toilets—sort of. There was no running water.
Instead, people poured buckets of water into
the toilet. It emptied into the main city drain.



Some ancient bathroom seats were made of stone.